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WEATHER
Fair and much colder to-day; to-mor-
row fair, with rising tempera-
ture; northwest gales
Full Report on Page 20

President Will Return Railroads March 1; Rockefeller Gives Away \$100,000,000 More

\$50,000,000 For Raise in Teachers' Pay

General Education Board
Gets Gift to Aid in Pro-
viding Adequate Sala-
ries in Higher Schools

Immediate Use of
Fund Authorized

\$50,000,000 Goes to the
Foundation for "Well-
Being of Mankind"

John D. Rockefeller gave away
\$100,000,000 yesterday—\$50,000,000
to the Rockefeller Foundation and
\$50,000,000 to the General Education
Board.

The entire sum, on the suggestion
of Mr. Rockefeller, is to be used at
once. The gift to the General Edu-
cation Board will be devoted to the
payment of more adequate salaries
to members of the teaching profes-
sion. The gift to the Rockefeller
Foundation will be devoted "to pro-
mote the well-being of mankind
throughout the world."

Mr. Rockefeller's gifts now total
\$42,000,000. This amount does not
include large general subscriptions
to the Baptist Church, to missions
and other interests. His total bene-
factions are roughly estimated at
\$450,000,000.

Five million dollars of the \$50-
000,000 given yesterday to the
Rockefeller Foundation will be de-
voted to Canadian medical schools.

Adequate Salaries for Teachers

The formal announcement of the two
gifts was made in the office of Ivy L.
Lee, of 61 Broadway, Mr. Rockefeller's
publicity agent, who gave out two
statements. The first, with reference
to the gift to the General Education
Board, follows:

"The General Education Board an-
nounces that it has received from Mr.
John D. Rockefeller a new and special
gift of \$50,000,000 to be devoted to co-
operating with higher institutions of
learning in increasing the salaries of
the teaching staff. In transmitting the
gift Mr. Rockefeller forwarded this
memorandum:

"The attention of the American
public has recently been drawn to the
urgent and immediate necessity of
providing more adequate salaries to
members of the teaching profession.
It is of the highest importance that
these intrusted with the education
of youth and the increase of knowl-
edge should not be led to abandon
their calling by reason of financial
pressure or to be distracted by amid dis-
couragements due to financial limita-
tions.

"It is of equal importance to our
future welfare and progress that able
and inspiring young men and women
should not for similar reasons be
deterred from devoting their lives to
teaching.

"An end to this gift is made for the
general corporate purposes of the
board, I should cordially endorse a
decision to use the principal, as well
as the income, as promptly and large-
ly as money can be raised for the purpose
of cooperating with the higher insti-
tutions of learning in raising sums
specifically devoted to the increase
of teachers' salaries.

Gifts to Board Announced

The gifts of Mr. Rockefeller to the
General Education Board since its es-
tablishment in 1902 have been as fol-
lows:

1902 \$1,000,000
1905 10,000,000
1907 11,000,000
1909 10,000,000

Total \$32,000,000

The board distributes the interest
on the funds currently and is
empowered to distribute the principal
in its discretion.

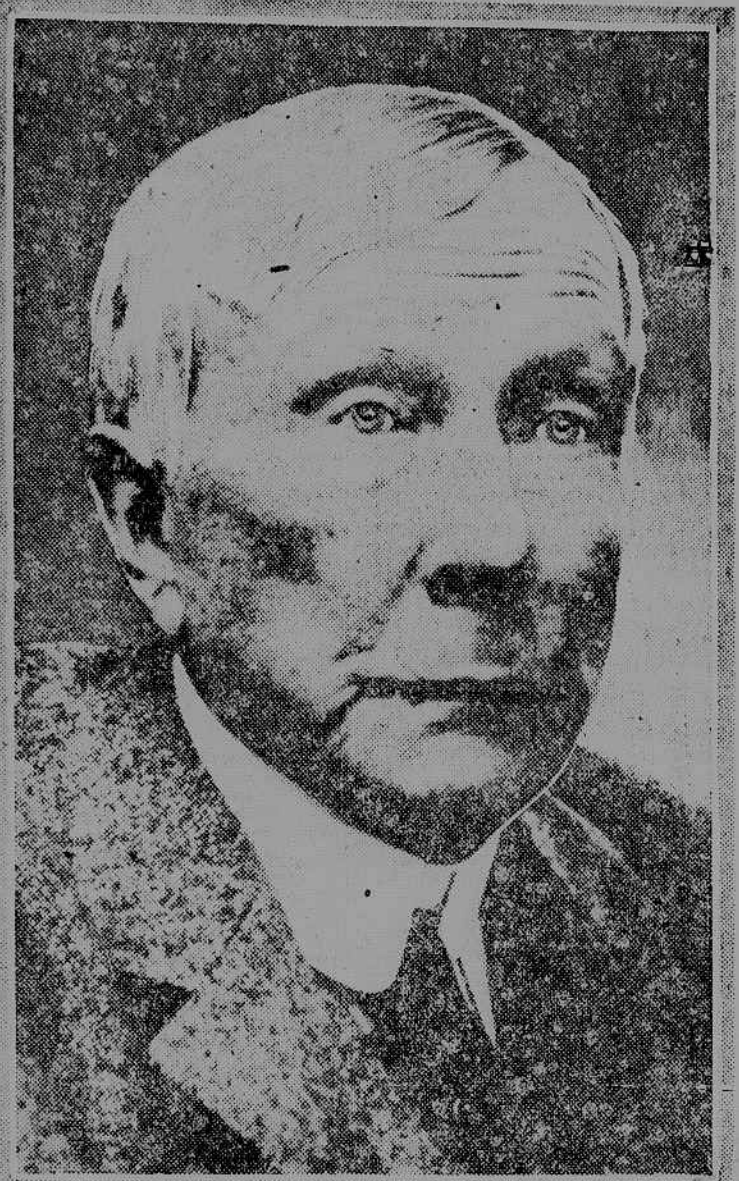
"In 1919 Mr. Rockefeller gave the
sum of \$20,000,000 for the purpose
of increasing the salaries of the
interest to be distributed within
five years.

reference to the present gift, Dr.
Wallace Buttrick, president of the Gen-
eral Education Board, makes the fol-
lowing statement:

"The general public is well aware
that the salaries of instructors in col-
leges and universities have not thus
far, in general, been sufficiently in-
creased to meet the increased cost of
living. The General Education Board
has since the close of the war re-
ceived applications for aid from col-
leges and universities the sum total
of which would practically exhaust the
working capital of the board.

"An emergency exists. It is ur-
gently necessary to take steps to in-
crease salaries in order that men in
the teaching profession may be able
to remain in their positions, in order
that young men and young women who
are deterred from entering the teaching
profession, and, finally, in order that

John D. Rockefeller



Police Guard Officials From 'Red' Revenge

Sympathizers With Those
Sent Away on Buford Are
Said to Have Threatened
Christmas Day Reprisals

The homes of public officials and
other well known men who have been
active in the prosecution of extreme
radicals will be guarded by the police
to-day as a precaution against possible
'Red' demonstrations. Information is
said to have been received by the au-
thorities that a Christmas Day 're-
prisal' against the deportation of the
249 Russian anarchists on the trans-
port Buford was contemplated.

The precaution will be similar to
that taken last Fourth of July when
policemen were stationed on the prem-
ises of many Fifth Avenue homes in
the belief that bomb outrages would
be attempted. However, nothing hap-
pened to warrant the fear.

Since the Buford sailed last Sunday
it was said threats have been made
to show resentment against many per-
sons who showed sympathy toward the
deportations. It was said definitely,
however, that no 'bomb plot' had been
discovered.

Officials of the Postoffice Depart-
ment said yesterday that apparently all
danger of anarchists sending bombs
through the mails had passed. A sys-
tem of inspecting suspicious packages
has been put into force.

Trainload of Gin On the Way Here

Heavily Guarded Special
Is Rushing \$7,000,000
Worth To Be Exported

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 24.—Somewhere
between this city and New York \$7-
000,000 worth of gin, loaded on a spe-
cial train, each of which is under
heavy guard, is racing through the
night. On reaching New York the
liquor is to be transferred to a ship
bound for Cuba.

The departure of the train was
shrouded in the utmost secrecy. Not
until late this afternoon was it learned
that the 'hoose' special had left Peo-
ria at 7 o'clock this morning. The an-
nouncement, yesterday by railroad of-
ficials that the train would not leave
here until midnight to-night was given
out to protect the train as much as
possible. H. D. Page, terminal man-
ager of railroads, said this afternoon:

The final loading and switching of
the twenty-seven cars of the train
were carried on under supervision
of heavily armed guards. When the
train was ready to start a special
squad of armed men boarded it. A
guard was assigned to each of the
cars. Every precaution against a train
wreck has been enjoined upon the dis-
patchers along the Lake Erie & West-
ern Railroad and the New York Cen-
tral lines.

Democrats Try to Split Lodge Forces

Senator King Prepares
Tentative Draft of Com-
promise Reservations
After Seeing Hitchcock

Dissenters Only
Few in Number

Bitter-Enders Opposing
Willingness to Talk of
Any Treaty Compromise

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Disas-
faction of a few Senators of the two
extreme wings of the Republicans
with Senator Lodge's attitude toward a
compromise on the peace treaty was
hailed by the Administration leaders
in the Senate to-day as a serious re-
volt against the Lodge leadership.

A group of six or seven 'mild reser-
vationists' are privately criticizing
Senator Lodge in the Republican cloak-
room for his refusal to concede 50 per
cent toward a compromise on reser-
vations in order to secure speedy ratifi-
cation of the treaty.

The group of 'irreconcilables' who
want the treaty to remain dead are
criticizing the Republican leader be-
cause he has announced his willing-
ness to consider any proposal for a
compromise the Democrats might sub-
mit. They want him to reject all over-
tures so that the treaty will never be
ratified.

Neither the 'mild reservationists' nor
the 'irreconcilables,' however, are
leaving of a revolt against the lead-
ership of Senator Lodge. The 'mild res-
ervationists' are confining themselves
to a discussion among themselves as to
whether they should make an indepen-
dent effort to secure a compromise.

Criticizing Lodge's Stand

The 'irreconcilables' are criticizing
Senator Lodge for an entirely opposite
reason. They declare that the Republi-
can leader is courting a compromise,
and they are opposed to any compro-
mise. The Borah-Johnson group, how-
ever, would break with Lodge on the
treaty issue as soon as a compromise
is effected, and their criticism, which
has been confined to private discussion
in the cloakroom, is not regarded as
all serious.

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Senate have heard of the whispered
criticism of the Lodge leadership, and
are spreading the idea that a serious
revolt is brewing among the Republi-
cans. They are doing all they can to
split the Republican Senators far
apart by continuing their negotiations
for a compromise to the small group
of 'mild reservationists,' and suggest-
ing that the 'mild reservationists' take
charge of compromise negotiations in-
stead of Senator Lodge. There are
seventeen or eighteen of the forty-nine
Republican Senators at the maximum
who are dissatisfied with the course
Senator Lodge is steering.

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Republicans pointed out today. They
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LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 24.—The ban
on the purchase of eggs by Lincoln women
will go into effect again next Satur-
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of the city department of the local wom-
en's club, announced prices for eggs
had tumbled from 85 to 55 cents a
dozen following a two weeks' boycott
on them and that the ban had been
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followed by price increases. Some re-
tailers, it is said, are asking as high
as 90 cents a dozen, so the women
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General Leonard Wood, endorsed for
President by the Republican State Con-
vention at Pierre, December 2, will
file a formal announcement of his can-
didacy with the Secretary of State be-
fore January 1.

Gov. Edwards To Fight for Beer in Jersey

New Executive Also Will
Ask Legislature to Le-
galize Light Wines; Lin-
ing Up His Forces Now

Plans Suit to Test
National 'Dry' Law

Root Begins Proceedings
Against Prohibition for
the Newark Brewers

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Express Lines Also Will Be Turned Back

Lack of Legislation by
Congress Held Respon-
sible for Failure to Give
Carriers Back January 1

Hines Given Power
To Execute Order

Director General Calls on
All Employees to Help
Better Previous Record

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The
railroads of the country, together
with the express systems, will be
returned to private ownership and
operation at 12:01 o'clock on the
morning of March 1, 1920.

President Wilson to-night issued a
formal proclamation returning the
transportation and express systems
on that date.

This statement in explanation was
given out by Secretary Tumulty:

"Last May in his message to the
Congress the President announced
that the railroads would be handed
over to their owners at the end
of the calendar year. It is now
necessary to act by issuing the
proclamation. In the present cir-
cumstances, no agreement having
yet been reached by the two houses
of Congress in respect to legisla-
tion on the subject, it becomes
necessary in the public interest to
allow a reasonable time to elapse
between the issuing of the procla-
mation and the date of its actually
taking effect.

Companies Not Prepared

"The President is advised that
the railroads and express com-
panies are not organized to make
it possible for them to receive and
manage their properties if actual-
ly turned over to them on Decem-
ber 31, and if this were done it
would raise financial and legal
complications of a serious char-
acter.

"The railroad and express com-
panies should be given ample op-
portunity to adequately prepare
for the resumption of their busi-
ness under the control and man-
agement of their own stockholders,
directors and officers. Therefore,
the transfer of possession back to
the railroad companies will become
effective at 12:01 a. m., March 1,
1920."

Action Relieves Anxiety

The President's proclamation
came as a great relief to members
of Congress and to the railroad own-
ers. They had been gravely appre-
hensive that the President would re-
turn the roads at midnight on De-
cember 31, with the two houses of
Congress still trying to settle their
differences over adequate legislation
for the return of the transportation
lines to operation under private
ownership.

More than one-half of the railroad
systems of the country would have
been forced into bankruptcy within
two months if the President had not
extended the period of government con-
trol and operation, the railroad owners
feared.

Both houses of Congress have passed
bills providing for the return of the
roads and for their reorganization af-
ter private operation is resumed. The
House passed the bill, giving the
Interstate Commerce Commission com-
plete control over the reorganization
of the systems and over the finances
of the roads just before adjournment
in November. The Senate last Saturday
passed the bill, providing for a
more comprehensive system of re-
organization, but placing the roads un-
der strict Federal supervision, al-
though under private control and op-
eration.

Conferees Meet Daily

The two bills are now before a con-
ference committee of the Senate and
House, which is meeting daily in an
effort to agree upon a compromise be-
tween the two measures.

Adequate legislation for the return
of the railroads will be enacted before
March 1, Senator Cummins, author of
the Senate bill, said to-night. The
Senator, who is chairman of the Senate
committee that drafted the bill, said
the bill and chairman of the conference
committee that is now endeavoring to
reach a compromise of the Senate and
House bills, expressed gratification that
the President had decided not to return

Her Five Pound Fur Coat Cost \$85,000

Ninety-three Skins Used
in Sable Garment Made
for Christmas Gift

Satisfaction was expressed last night
by the heads of four important rail-
roads when they were told that Presi-
dent Wilson had fixed March 1 as the
date for the return of railroad prop-
erty to private control. None of them
previously had any idea what date
President Wilson would fix.

George F. Baker, chairman of the
board of directors of the Central Rail-
road of New Jersey, said:

"March 1 is all right. We are
chiefly interested, however, in guaran-
tees. Some of the railroads can't live
with existing rates. Two months' time
should be sufficient for Congress to
enact the needed legislation."

William H. Truesdale, chairman of
the board of trustees of the Delaware,
Lackawanna & Western Railroad, said:
"I should say that March 1 will be
satisfactory to the railroad people. We
haven't known when the roads would
be returned, but we have been very de-
sirous that they shouldn't be returned
until protective legislation had been
enacted by Congress."

John B. Kerr, of the New York, On-
tario & Western Railroad, said:
"Well, that gives Congress adequate
time to take care of the situation. Two
months should be ample time to pre-
pare. But the rate situation must be
attended to."

James H. Hustis, of the Boston &
Maine Railroad, said:
"I think it will be a general relief
to every one that a specific date has
been fixed for the return of the rail-
roads to private control."

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—Daniel Wil-
lard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio
Railroad Company, said to-night he
considered March 1 a very satisfactory
date for the return of the roads.

"I am very glad that the President
has seen fit to turn the roads back and
defer the date from January 1, be-
cause at January 1 proper legislation
will be lacking," he said.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Thomas
De Witt Cuyler, a director of the
Pennsylvania Railroad and chairman
of the Association of Railway Execu-
tives, representing virtually all the
important railroads of the country,
said:

"The President's statement is ad-
mirable in its tone and substance and
is entirely satisfactory to the railroad
companies. They will be fully pre-
pared and organized to take over their
properties. I entertain no doubt but
that by March 1 Congress will have
enacted a sound and constructive law
for the protection of the railroads and
the public alike."

Aubrey Vibbert Killed Under N. Y. Central Train

Christmas Cards in Pocket
Identify Broker on Way
Home With Holiday Gift

Christmas cards in the pocket of the
coat of Aubrey Vibbert, an insurance
broker, of 80 Maiden Lane, led to his
identification last night after he had
been killed by a White Plains express
of the New York Central at the 138th
Street Station.

Vibbert apparently missed his foot-
ing and fell from the northbound plat-
form directly in the path of the train.
Several cars passed over him. The
dead man lived at 57 West Fifty-eighth
Street. A silver sugar bowl, evidently
intended as a Christmas present, was
found in his pocket.

A New Comic Page by Briggs Starts in Next Sunday's Tribune

"Mr. and Mrs. —" is the
title of Briggs's clever new series
of comic pages which will ap-
pear regularly in the Sunday
Tribune beginning Dec. 28th.
Briggs has drawn married life
as it feels. Order from your
newsdealer in advance to-day
for next Sunday.